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MANUFACTURE OF CLAVAMS, E.G.  
CLAVULANIC ACID

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Preliminary to calculating filing fees and examining this application please  
amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which  
begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.